

SPANIARDS CAPTURE AN AMERICAN SHIP

The Captain of the Esther Protests in Vain Against the Seizure of His Schooner.

COURT OF INQUIRY ON THE MAINE--DEBATE IN CONGRESS

PLAIN COMMENT IN LONDON ON THE SITUATION

Talk on the \$50,000,000 War Fund to Continue Four Hours--Then Comes the Vote.

Men at the American Navy Yard Working Night and Day on Big Guns--Claims Made That There Will be No War--Spain and Her Purchased Battleships--All is Quiet Now.

Washington, March 8.—The appropriation committee of the house this morning unanimously agreed to report favorably the bill to appropriate \$50,000,000 for national defense.

There was practically no discussion in the committee. As the bill was to be called up immediately after the house met Representative Sayres of Texas, the ranking minority member of the committee, was more solicitous about making satisfactory arrangements for the conduct of debate than anything else. He protested against the introduction of a special rule as it would be liable to place the Democrats in a false attitude and asked reasonable time to all of the Democrats to define their position. He submitted a proposition which included a provision for a general debate of three hours, and an hour under the five-minute rule. Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, conferred with Speaker Reed after the committee adjourned relative to the Sayres proposition and it was agreed to.

A SPANISH GUNBOAT

Captures an American Schooner on the Cuban Coast.

Havana, March 8.—The Spanish gunboat Arduilla has captured in an inlet near Casilda, on the south coast of Cuba the American schooner Esther, from Trenton, N. C. bound from Pensacola to Jamaica. The captain accounted for his presence in the inlet by saying that the rudder was broken and protested against the seizure of the vessel. If the statements prove true the vessel will be released.

Members of the Maine court of inquiry have been making investigations at short range. It is not uncommon to see members of the court of the wreck, directing the divers and getting direct reports from them.

UNCLE SAM'S NAVY YARD.

Three Shifts of Men at Work Night and Day on Big Guns.

Washington, March 8.—The Washington navy yard, where a large establishment is maintained by the government for the manufacture of gun and ordnance material, has started to work in three shifts and the men are now working there night and day on big guns.

Sentiment at Madrid.

Madrid, March 8.—A semi-official news agency has issued the following: "After brief uneasiness there is general belief that peace will not be broken and relations between Spain and the United States will continue amicable. A political personage asserts that the late sensational dispatches are completely wrong in attributing an aggressive tone to the diplomatic relations between the two governments, which not for a single moment have lost their friendly character."

ENGLISH COMMENT.

Spain's Course as Viewed at London —Maxim on the War Situation.

London, March 8.—English newspapers confirm the news of Spain's purchase of warships. The St. James Gazette says: "It is ascertained on very high authority in spite of denial, that the Spanish government has almost certainly succeeded in buying three nearly completed cruisers

here, and two coast defense vessels which are about to be launched in France. Experts are almost as much surprised at the success of Madrid raising money as by the clever diplomacy which secured the Chilean and Brazilian cruisers of the Armistice at a cost believed to be a million pounds sterling, almost before the move was suspected. America has come to the conclusion that its naval resources are not strong enough to confront Spain and is playing a waiting game." The article points out that the earliest time in which the Chilean cruiser which cost \$2,000,000, can be finished, is in three months; adding other vessels purchased will take longer to finish, so that in the event of war, which will come soon, if at all, "the ships will be useless, as the international law will prevent delivery."

The introduction in congress yesterday of a bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defense excited the utmost interest among English dealers in war munitions. Hiram Maxim, of rapid fire gun fame, said significantly: "If the United States intended to make purchases in England she should have begun a week ago. He also admitted that he was aware that Spain had placed large orders within a week, but he declined to say whether the orders had been placed with his firm. It is known, however, that if the United States needs 8 inch guns and powder she could secure a full stock at a fortnight's notice."

THE POPE IS FOR PEACE.

He is in Favor of Arbitration—Sagasta and the Spaniards.

Madrid, March 8.—The Spanish government is making extraordinary efforts to prevent news getting in or out of Spain. Thousands of dispatches are suppressed. Sagasta is afraid to let the people of Spain know the truth about the situation. He has utterly failed to raise the money needed for war preparations and is holding from the Spaniards the fact that the United States is rapidly putting its navy in fighting condition.

I have private advice that the Pope is doing all in his power to induce Spain to submit the whole Cuban question to arbitration. Sagasta does not dare consent, for he dreads the military leaders, who are really anxious to fight the United States. The result of the present negotiations between the Pope and the queen regent will demonstrate how much influence and authority the Vatican has in Spain today. If Sagasta persists in rejecting the advice of the Pope it is likely that the whole power of the church will be exerted to secure the independence of the Cuban Republic.

The queen regent is personally willing to accept the councils of the Pope, but she is powerless to act, being a constitutional monarch and compelled to follow the advice of her ministers. A statement made by Cardinal Rampolla shows the absolute impotency of Spain, as the Vatican is as minutely and accurately informed about Spain's finances as the Spanish minister of finance himself. Spain is completely isolated and, as Rampolla says, no European nation will dare to hinder the United States from giving liberty to Cuba.

PURPOSE OF PROCTOR'S VISIT

Getting Actual Facts for the Benefit of President McKinley.

Washington, March 8.—Senator Proctor's visit to Cuba was undertaken after a lengthy conference with the president the afternoon preceding the departure of the Vermont statesman from Washington. At this conference a thorough understanding was reached that Senator Proctor should make a tour of the island, picking up all the information for the future guidance of the president. In fact, it was plainly impressed upon Senator Proctor that his report would be of vital importance, and might determine

THE COUNTY BOARD

Of Supervisors Met This Afternoon.

HELD A SHORT SESSION

And Then Adjourned for Committee Work--Routine Matters Given Attention -- Will Confirm Election Judges.

The members of the county board of supervisors were called to order this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock by the chairman, W. H. Bean. The board will be in session about for 10 days.

This afternoon Deputy County Clerk Frank Dodd read the minutes of the last meeting and some bills were allowed and other routine business transacted. The board then adjourned in order to give the committee a chance to do their work. There is nothing of very special importance to come before the board at this meeting. They will go over the election judges and voting places for the spring election and will probably make some necessary changes.

All of the members were present this afternoon. O. B. Gorin, who was chosen to take the place of the late H. F. May, met with the board for the first time. Business will be resumed tomorrow morning.

CONVENTION AT MAROA.

Gathering of Christian Ministers and Earnest Workers.

A meeting of representatives of the Macon county Christian Church will be held at Maroa March 22 and 23.

PROGRAM.
Tuesday Evening sermon . . . S. A. Ennefer
Wednesday—
9:00 a. m.—Devotional . . . P. W. Humphrey
9:15 a. m.—Bible Study . . . J. H. Hardin
9:45 a. m.—Bible Study and Teaching . . .
10:30 a. m.—Devotional . . . M. Stevenson
11:00 a. m.—Social . . . E. A. Gilman
11:30 a. m.—Social . . . G. F. Hall
12:00 p. m.—Devotional . . . G. W. Hall
1:00 p. m.—Sunday School . . . M. B. Shady
2:00 p. m.—Missionary . . . L. T. Fauders
3:00 p. m.—C. W. B. M. Work . . . Rachel Crouch
4:00 p. m.—The C. S. Student . . . L. W. Morgan
7:00 p. m.—Model C. S. Meeting . . .
7:45 p. m.—Sermon . . . Albert Nichols

ILLINOIS TO THE FRONT.

National Guards All Ready to Respond to a Call for On to Cuba.

Springfield, Ill., March 8.—Adjutant General Reece of the Illinois National Guard, said today: "We are all but waiting for the boots and saddles," to board cars for the east. Inside of 12 hours the greatest portion of the 7500 men and officers of the Illinois National Guards could be en route to New York for embarkation for Cuba. General Reece stated that 4000 of the latest pattern 45 calibre Springfield rifles had just been received from the government ready for instant use.

Supper and Praise Service.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will give their annual supper and praise service at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow evening. Supper will be served from 5 to 7. The praise service will begin at 7:30 o'clock. During the evening Rev. D. L. Gifford a returned missionary from Corea will speak on "How the Coreans Live and a talk on the Sandwich Islands will be made by one who has visited the islands."

J. W. Graham at Asheville.

John W. Graham arrived the first of this week at Asheville, N. C. where he will spend some time for the benefit of his health. He writes that although he stood the trip very well the fatigue of becoming settled was very trying and he was not so well as when he left. He feels confident however, that after he is finally settled he will enjoy the climate and be much benefited by the change.

Mrs. Showers Arrested.

Last night the police arrested Mrs. Mollie Showers, nee Wisson. She was using profane language and making a disturbance on East Main street. This morning she was before Justice Provost and pleaded guilty to using profane language on the street and was fined. Mrs. Showers is the woman who will figure conspicuously as a witness in the trial of Joe Maury.

Hand Crushed.

Fred Gopford, who is employed by Hammond Bros., as a driver of one of their mortars had his hand severely crushed this morning. The accident occurred just as he was leaving the barn. Two of the bones were broken and Mr. Gopford will be disabled for several days. He was attended by Dr. E. A. Morgan.

Mrs. Bullard Very Low.

Mrs. S. Bullard is very low today. Her condition is critical and her friends have no hope for her recovery. She is gradually sinking and cannot live but a few days.

Taffy Pull To-Night.

This evening the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Sixth ward will give a taffy pull at the Edmond Street Chapel. The public are invited to attend.

Will Close at Six O'clock.

The book stores of the city will be closed at 6 o'clock for the summer. The stores have been kept open until 7 or 8 o'clock but they will now be closed at 6 o'clock.


Will Talk on the Coreans.

Rev. D. B. Gifford, a returned missionary from Corea, will deliver an address at the praise service of the Woman's Missionary society at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow evening. His subject will be "How the Coreans Live."

Wants Van Dyke Street Opened.

Dr. Mitchell is circulating a petition which will be presented to the city council asking them to order the opening of Van Dyke street between Paokard and Pugh streets.

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THE EARL'S WEDDING.

BY Z. D. UNDERHILL.

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PART I.
The eddying wind as it blew through the unglazed openings of the low roof of the castle hall ruffled the gray hair of a heavy, hard-featured man, clad in a suit of mail, who sat at a table, fingered impatiently a sheet of parchment engrossed in violet ink. He frowned and muttered, evidently lost in thought, till presently, with a sigh, he raised his head.

"Bid them call the Lady Helena," he said, to a graceful youth of one or two and twenty, who, at the other end of the apartment, was busily polishing a breastplate. The young fellow dropped the heavy steel and left the hall.

A few moments later, a sound of light footsteps and the rustle of women's drapery was heard through the open doorway, and two maidens entered side by side—one fair and slight, the other of a robust build, with dark skin and sparkling eyes. They advanced together toward the grizzled warrior, and in turn sank on their knees and kissed the knotted hand which he extended carelessly. Then, rising, they stood motionless before him. He bent his gaze sharply on the Lady Helena, the slender and fairer of the two, and began abruptly:

"I have called you hither, girl, to tell you weighty news. Here," he lifted the parchment from the table and extended it toward her, as if to call her attention to some rare curiosity. "Is a letter from the Earl of Chester which concerns you nearly. His father and I were



AND IN TURN SANK ON THEIR KNEES.

friends until the old earl joined forces with my foes, the Mortains and the Heddings. Since then we never met, save in battle, and he is dead years since. He was a stout friend and a stout foe, God rest his soul! (the speaker crossed himself), and I hear the son is a fair copy of the father. Now this same young earl sends me a writing to let me know he wishes to marry, and has heard great praise of my daughter. He remembers the old friendship between the sire, and hopes that bygones may be bygones, and the children renew in love the old bond of friendship. And I have given much thought to the matter, and conclude it may well be so. Therefore will I send a messenger to-night with the answer which the clerk shall indite, to say that I welcome him as a son and the bride shall be ready when the bridegroom will. And you, girl, begin swiftly to make what preparations women use, for he writes me he is overmuch pressed with affairs to spend long time in wooing, and would willingly make his courtship and bridal fall within the limits of one journey."

The old man ceased, but with every word he had spoken the damsel's face grew paler, and she was now trembling like a leaf in the wind.

"Father!" she cried in tremulous voice, making a step forward, but he only raised his head, with a look of fierce astonishment.

"Eh—?" he snarled, and she shrank back abashed. "You have heard," he continued, harshly, "you have but to obey. And remember," he cried, with a glance of some distrust, "that my daughter welcomes her bridegroom with smiles. Eleanor," turning to the dark-eyed maiden, who stood a few steps retired, "give your cousin what help and cheer you may, for by my faith she looks as pale as though 'twere a ghost and not a lover I should deliver her to."

The deep-sunk eyes of the old man gleamed with impatience at the vague opposition which he detected in his daughter's attitude and glance. It was plain that a rebellious, even a pleading word would have drawn from him a storm of anger, and the fury of such a man might well be dreaded.

Without venturing a reply the two ladies made a low obeisance and retired, but no sooner were they in the hall than Helena clung to the arm of her companion, muttering out her misery.

"Oh Eleanor," she exclaimed, "to betroth me so without a moment's warning—without a thought for whether the suitor be welcome! No father would doom his child—his only child—to wretchedness for life. 'Tis only that he does not know."

"Faith, he would have known, and soon, had I been in your shoes," cried the black-eyed maiden, sharply. "Can not credit it that you should have stood so meekly, bowing and bending your eyes to the ground, as if for all the

world you were saying, 'Yes, father.' So it suits me, father, 'Naught could have pleased me better, father,' and there all the time was young Dagobert behind us, making pretence to be busy, when I doubt if he saw the wretched breastplate before him. His eyes were so running over with grief. If you spoke not now, when think you to speak? Or perhaps you propose never to speak, but to take the bridegroom your father sends, with a 'Thank you, kind sir,' and leave Dagobert's heart to break without a thought!"

Lady Helena seemed not to resent the sharp speech of her companion, but clung to her the more closely, while her own eyes ran over as woefully as those of the young squire.

"Oh, be not harsh with me, dear cousin," she cried. "Tis my craven spirit betrays me. When I stand before my father it seems I would rather face death than oppose him in aught. Saw you ever man so masterful? Or so strong? I dare not question or delay when he speaks—and yet—Oh Eleanor, still less dare I part from Dagobert."

"That last is the first word of sense you have spoken," cried Eleanor, scornfully. "Why should you part from him? He is not Chester, but he has a passable estate of his own. He is a brave baron's son, and a brave baron he will be himself. Your father should be content. Tell him Chester is a great warrior, but maidens' hearts need more than courage to win them, and yours is already gone from your keeping."

"Oh Eleanor, I cannot; I cannot!" interrupted the other. "You might carry it through, but for me—I should but faint at his feet, and we should be only the worse off in that I had offended him."

"I believe you say truth," the cousin replied regretfully, "and there is naught to be gained by urging you to face your father. He would but be the angrier for it, and you no whit the better. But do not lose heart. There must be some escape. I have an active spirit, sweet cousin—it will find some way yet out of this coil. And sure Dagobert will not stand tamely by and see you given to another without a word or a blow." She lifted a heavy tapestry curtain, for her weeping companion to pass within, then followed her, and it dropped behind the two.

At last came the day when the earl was to arrive, and not a word had been breathed to warn the baron of his daughter's aversion to the match which he had arranged. Parents gave small heed then to the inclinations of their children, and for a noble maiden to oppose the wishes of her father in a matrimonial alliance would have seemed an unnatural idea. Yet human nature was human nature then as now, and even in those days many a damsel, by strategy or obstinacy, won her way. When toward the close of the day it was announced from the towers that the earl was approaching, the courtyard was lined with men-at-arms, and all the inmates of the castle were assembled in the great hall. Near the entrance stood the Baron Giffard, showing, in spite of fine attire, the grizzled, stern old fighter that he was. Close at one side, attended by their old nurse, stood his daughter and her cousin, their rich robes of velvet and brocade sweeping over the rough stones of the floor, which was thinly sprinkled with rushes.

Tall and stately, the fair and almost boyish face of the earl showed the lines of courage and decision which had already won him fame as a warrior. The baron advanced, took the newcomer in his arms and kissed him on both cheeks, then turned and presented him to the two maidens. Chester gazed keenly at them, evidently all alive to the fact that he was beholding for the first time his future bride, but—perhaps he was misled by some instinctive feeling—he mistook the titles of the noble ladies and bent his knee to Eleanor, and seized and kissed her hand. The father flushed angrily; Helena looked up in surprise; Dagobert, who stood close behind with a face like a thundercloud, smiled covertly, but before anyone could speak, Tring, the baron's favorite fool, broke in:

"He, he! Sir Earl, you have a keener eye for a foe than a fair lady. You had best turn about and do penance on both knees for having given precedence to the wrong dame. Nay, you need not blush so—'tis not where you kneel first, but where you kneel last and longest that the maid will care!"

For Chester, with the natural susceptibility of youth to ridicule, had sprung to his feet, and was looking about, with some confusion, to see where his homage was really due. It was with an ill-concealed regret, however, that he turned, in the flashing, wilful face of the darker girl to the pale, sad countenance of her cousin, who appeared scarcely able to support herself erect, as he, this time with a far more formal manner, knelt at her feet and pressed her fingers to his lips. The fool, however, seemed the only one to pay attention to the changing expressions on the faces before him, and he whispered softly to the old nurse at his side:

"Aye, aye! but first come first served. He scarce looks a man to go back on his own fancies, and his face lighted as 'twere a torch with a match

set to it, when his glance fell on Mistress Eleanor."

While Tring muttered thus in the ear of his old crony, the noble company, headed by the Earl of Chester, this time leading the right lady by the hand, had taken their seats at the long table which ran through the center of the hall. A great army of viands, at the same time roughly and splendidly served, was placed upon the board, and the feast, which was to last far into the night, began. Torches threw their flaring light upon the scene, yet flickered as from time to time wandering gusts of wind made their way through the openings in the castle wall.



"AYE, AYE! BUT FIRST COME FIRST SERVED."

wild speech waxed more fast and furious, till overcome by liquor most of the participants had sunk on the floor, to find what rest they might on the cold stones.

Ten days sped by in the hospitable diversions and the formal and stately courtship, exacted by the high rank of the two parties to the projected alliance, before the question of marriage could again be broached. Helena never appeared without her cousin, and the young earl, accompanied the two ladies when, on their palfreys, they rode out with the falcons.

Pale and still paler grew Helena, sterner the frown on Dagobert's brow as the time crept on, but a new fire burned in the earl's blue eye, and Eleanor seemed inspired by some imp of mischief, so elishly mocking, challenging, repelling, by turns, was her mood.

But the constant presence of Helena's grief seemed to lessen Eleanor's courage to withstand it, and from that time on her high spirits declined. There came a moment, too, when the earl's laugh was no longer so ready, nor the blue flash in his eye so quick. Oppressed and taciturn, he and his two companions labored through the necessary speech at the meals, while Dagobert gloomily watched them from his lower seat, and the old baron, utterly oblivious of the feelings of those around him, drank his nightly toasts, made the few speeches that the etiquette of the occasion demanded, and sat in grim silence, content with the progress of his affairs.

But the fool and the grey-haired serving-woman, whose hearts were wrapped up in the children they loved, could not take matters so calmly. One dawn they met on the winding stair that led from the ladies' chamber to the great hall, and the fool paused, when he saw how white was the face of his fellow servant, and that there were tears in her faded eyes. He stopped her, laying his hand upon her arm.

"What ails thee?" he cried, sharply. "And why are thy cheeks wet? Pray heaven there is no trouble come!"

"Aye, there is," she whispered, "trouble we foresaw, and worse we saw not. Lady Eleanor, and the Earl of Chester—faith, I hardly care to say it, even to thee, old Tring—and yet I must speak, and who else so staunch? There is love betwixt them, though there has been no word spoke, and it is more hearts than two must break, if the old baron has his way. What say'st thou to that?"

"How came it to thy knowledge?" questioned the fool, quickly.

"I sleep in the recess off the great chamber with but a curtain betwixt me and our ladies, and this morning I heard them talking, ere the light came, and could not forbear to listen. I crept near to the curtain, where they lie close on the other side, and I heard our poor lamb pressing her cousin to tell what ailed her, and whether her merry spirit had fled, and the other poor soul, that is wont to be so proud, and so quick with her tongue, began to sob, and at last she let it all out—that she loved the earl overwell and knew that he loved her, though she could scarce tell how, since there had been no words between them. And then the two pretty maids fell to sobbing together, and I've turned about and ran away from the grief I could not cure."

"Not cure!" echoed the fool, gloomily. "That is the very Devil himself! If 'twere any other than our master, such sorrow might touch his heart, but with him—he is one of those must have his own way though the sky fall!"

"Tis so, Tring, 'tis so!" assented the old woman, sadly; "and our pretty lambs must suffer for it. Nay, I fear me there is no help. But I love not to behold it."

"Tis a hard fate, truly," sighed the fool. "I would I knew a way to mend it—but I see naught to be done."

"There may come help yet, Tring," cried the old woman. "Keep but your eyes open and your wits busy, and we may yet find a path out of the woods."

TO BE CONTINUED.

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ACUTE LARYNGITIS.

Chicago, Sept. 25, '96.

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613 Madison Ave.

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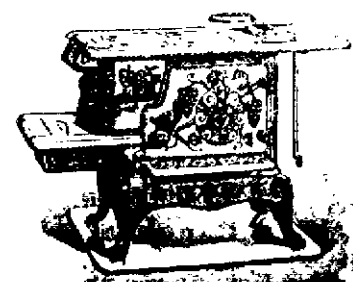
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UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.
J. B. HULING, Manager,
Office Commercial Printing Co.,
19 South Clark St.,
Chicago, Nov. 24, '94.
R. R. Phelps, Esq., City.
Dear Sir:—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least objection, from oldest to youngest, and is particularly noticeable that benefit is almost immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning; it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly.
Yours,
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J. J. Nesbitt, Editor.

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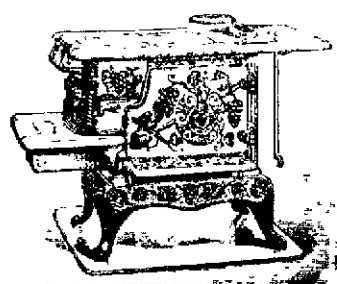
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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.
Tonight C. L. Hovey will lead the meeting at the East Park chapel.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
It is difficult to count the beats in the heart of great city.

For quick, easy work and dressy finish, use Electric Lustrer Starch in the Blue Packages.—18-dime

Select one of those handsome Reed & Son's pianos at the C. B. Prescott music house. You cannot make a mistake if you trade at Prescott's.

Before you buy your wall paper and room moulding call at W. C. Pluck's Wall Paper House, 109 East North street.—28-dime

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Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wt.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden seeds. They are now in receipt of large invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable houses in the country.—ml-d&wt

Call on Webb C. Foster, 1075 North Water for meat, vegetables and fruits.

Marriage Misfits.

Attorney W. T. Cusins started two divorce cases yesterday. In both cases he represents the wives and both asked leave to prosecute as poor persons, as they had no money to pay costs. Birdie Kershner asked divorce from Charles Kershner, alleging adultery and habitual drunkenness.

Minnie Nelson asked divorce from William David Nelson because of desertion.

120 MILES AN HOUR.

Locomotives Arranged With a Multiple Gear.

Some day we may look for a locomotive engine with the piston rods connected with a large gear wheel running in a smaller gear pinion made fast to the shaft of the driving wheels. By this device the same travel of the piston rod that we have in our present locomotives will turn the driving wheel over twice and result in 120 miles per hour instead of 60 miles per hour.

Then it will be necessary to provide a sharp front to the train to avoid the heavy air pressure, and to devise some practical safety rails to insure the train sticking to them. These things are coming. Mark the prediction.

As the world moves faster, those who would stay with it and enjoy the yearly improvements must preserve and conserve their health. Coffee is one of the most cunning destroyers of nervous activity extant. Its effects show in a great variety of ways and when one finds that little troubles with the body are cropping up too frequently to be pleasant, it will be a clever stroke of common sense to drop off the drug for a month and see if you haven't put your finger on the real villain.

It is an easy task to leave off Coffee when Postum Food Coffee, thoroughly toiled, is served. But Postum is not palatable unless it has been boiled full 15 minutes after boiling commences. Many people fail to get a desirable cup from Postum simply and solely because it looks black and rich that it is done. Not so. The delicious flavor and food value is not extracted until it has sharply boiled at least 15 minutes after boiling commences. It is a powerful builder of brain and nerve centers.

Mrs. Conklin Surprised.

Mrs. A. W. Conklin was surprised yesterday by a number of her friends calling, bringing their luncheon and spending the afternoon with her. It was the anniversary of her birthday. Mrs. Conklin was presented with a fine blooming azalea plant. Those present were Mrs. Robert Farley, Mrs. T. L. Antrim, Mrs. F. B. Tait, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. W. F. Gillmore.

Blue Mound Republicans.

The Republican voters of Blue Mound township will meet at the town hall in Booday at 9 o'clock March 19, to elect a township committee and to nominate candidates for the various township offices which are to be voted for at the township election April 5, 1898. By order of committee, E. W. Jokisch, Chairman.

Hour for Sunday School Changed.
The hour for the Sunday school services of the First M. E. church has been changed from 9:45 to 9:30 and beginning with next Sunday the Sunday school services will begin at 9:30 o'clock.

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ELECTION DAYS

Cut This Out and Save It for Ready Reference.

THERE ARE 18 VOTING PLACES

New Boundaries in Detail—Call for Township Primaries and Convention [Sotn to be Issued.

The township committeemen will meet within a week to set a time for holding the primaries and issue a call for the Republicans to name candidates for the spring township election, which takes place in April.

The districts of the township have been changed so that the number is increased from 14 to 18. In view of this fact the boundaries of the township given below are prepared so that the voters may know in which district they reside. The judges and voting places were named some time ago, but the board of supervisors make some changes in them, so they will not be published until after the board has made the corrections. The boundaries of the district of the township are as follows:

DISTRICTS.

First District—North on Main street from Prairie to Wabash railway, east to North Morgan, south to Prairie, west to North Main.

Second District—North on Main street from Wabash railway to Packard, east to Water, south to Orchard, east to Morgan, south to Wabash railway, west to Main.

Third District—North on Main street from West Main to Wabash railway, west to College, south around west side of College hill to West Main, east to North Main.

Fourth District—North on College from West Main to Wabash railway, west to township line, south to Springfield road, east on road and West Main to College.

Fifth District—North on College street from West Main to West Main, west on West Main and south side of Springfield road to township line, east to St. Louis branch of Wabash road, north to West Main street, east to College.

Sixth District—North on South Main street from Illinois Central railway to West Main, west to College, south to Decatur, west to Green, south to Forest, west to Monroe, south to Illinois Central railway, thence following west side of Illinois Central to intersection with South Main.

Seventh District—North on Monroe street from Illinois Central railway to Forest, east to Green, north to Decatur, east to College, north to West Main, west to St. Louis branch of Wabash Ry, south on east side of Wabash to township line, east on township line to Illinois Central railway and to Monroe street.

Eighth District—North along the west side of Illinois Central railway to East Prairie street, west to North Main, south on North and South Main to Illinois Central railway.

Ninth District—North on Jasper from East Wood to Prairie, west to Illinois Central railway, south along east side of I. C. railway to South Main, south to Marion, east to public road, north to Cantrell, east to Peake, north to East Wood east to Jasper.

Tenth District—Northwest from township line along west side I. D. and W. railway to East Wood street, west to Peake, south to Cantrell, west to public road, south to Marion, west to South Main, north to I. C. railway, south along railway to township line, east to east township line, north along line to I. D. and W. railway.

Eleventh District—North on Jasper street from Prairie to William, east to Stock, north to I. D. and W. railway, west to Woodford, north to Wabash railway, west to Morgan, south to Prairie, east to Jasper.

Twelfth District—Beginning at the intersection of the I. D. and W. railway line, east and north following the township line to the Wabash railway, west along south side railway to Woodford, south to I. D. and W. east to Stock, south to William, west to Jasper, south to East Wood, east to I. D. and W., and thence to the place of beginning.

Thirteenth District—North on township line from Wabash railway to Rea bridge road, following same west and south to North Jordan, south on Jordan to East Orchard, east to North Morgan, south to Wabash railway, thence east along north side railway to place of beginning.

Fourteenth District—North on Jordan from Orchard to the Rea bridge road, following same east and north to east township line, north to north township line, west to Illinois Central, south to Orchard, east to Jordan.

Fifteenth District—North on west side of Illinois Central railway from Herkimer to Herkimer, west to North Main, south to Packard, east to Water, south to Orchard, east to railway.

Sixteenth District—North on west side of Illinois Central railway from Herkimer street to township line, west to the P. D. and E. railway, south and east on railway

to North Church street, south to Herkimer, east to railway.

Seventeenth District—North on Main street from Marietta to Herkimer, west to Church, north to P. D. and E. railway, west and north along railway to township line, west to west township line, south to Mt. Pulaski road, east and south on Mt. Pulaski road and West Pugh to Vandyske, south to Marietta, east to North Main.

Eighteenth District—North on North Main street from Wabash railway to Marietta, west to Vandyske, north to West Pugh, west on South side of Pugh and Mt. Pulaski road to township line, south to Wabash railway, east along railway to North Main.

CONCERT

Will be Given at First Presbyterian Church This Evening.

The concert to be given at the by the Sunday school orchestra of the First Presbyterian church this evening is looked forward to by those who know of the excellent work done by the orchestra with much pleasure. The orchestra was organized a little more than one year ago in February, 1897, and has steadily progressed and grown in the good graces of the church and Sunday school. The members are Director Prof. F. W. Westhoff, first violin, Miss Jonnette Powers, second violin, Miss Mary Harry, Sam Powers, bass, Fred E. Mann first clarinet, Sam Heilbrun second clarinet, Hubert Wilkin first cornet, Charles Kessler second cornet, Richard Glover trombone, Charles Jones piano, Miss Noy Montgomery, Miss Anna Packard vocalist, Miss Maude Mills reader.

The program to be given this evening is as follows:

1. March, "The Warriors," Burgmuller—Orchestra.
2. Voluntary, "Sacred Heart," from Gounod—Hayden—Orchestra.
3. "The Funeral," "Kitty Clover," Will Carleton—Miss Maude Mills.
4. Overture, "Fairy Tale," L. P. Laurendeau—Orchestra.
5. Clarinet Solo, "Coming Thro' The Rye," Mr. Sam Heilbrun.
6. Idyl, "Twilight Shadows," Arr. from Snow—Orchestra.
7. "The Happy Little Cripple," Riley—Miss Maude Mills.
8. (a) "Deserted" (by request) MacDowell; (b) "Open Your Blue Eyes," Jules Massenet—Miss Annie Packard.
9. Waltz, "Easter Flowers," G. D. Barnard—Orchestra.
10. "My Ships," Ella Wheeler Wilcox; "When de folks is gone," Riley—Miss Maude Mills.
11. March, "Ben Hur Chariot Race," E. T. Pauli—Orchestra.

OBITUARY.

A Brave Soldier's Good Record is Closed.

James Withgott who died at his home near Long Creek station, February 28, was not only a good soldier, but a valuable citizen. He was the son of James Withgott of Pennsylvania, where he was born January 24, 1838.

While quite young he moved with his parents to Chillicothe, Ohio, when the boom of war was sounded he enlisted as a private in Company I, 78th Ohio volunteers and after three full years of service re-enlisted as a veteran and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He participated in many of the most sanguinary battles of the war, in all 18, among them Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Gettysburg. He passed through the war without being either wounded or captured.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, September 28, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah L. Bowdler. From this union four children were born of whom two are still living, Mrs. Almira Grace Allen of Long Creek and Mrs. Lillie, Maude Pfeiffer, living two miles east of Decatur. August 14, 1878, his wife died. February 10, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ann Rozzle. Three children were born to them, one, an infant son, having died. The other two, Carrie May, 13 years old, and James Harrison, six years old, still survive.

About the year 1867 he came to Decatur and had resided in and near the city until the time of his death. He was a member of the G. A. R. up to a short time before he died. In early life he became a Christian and had been for many years past a member of the Grace M. E. church in this city. His home life was that of a Christian, always kind and self sacrificing. His bereaved wife and children have lost a truly noble husband and father and the county one of her best citizens. His memory will long linger as incense poured forth by those who knew him best.

Haverly—Applegate.

Miss Maggie Applegate of Decatur and William Haverly of Mitchell, Ind., will be married at the home of relatives of Miss Applegate at Olney, Ill., on Wednesday. Miss Applegate has been employed as a domestic at the home of Milton Johnson for the past two years and is an energetic and well liked young woman. Mr. Haverly owns a farm near Mitchell, Ind., where they will reside. Miss Applegate left here this morning to join Mr. Haverly at Olney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ouis McCoy, south of Fisher, have gone to their Nebraska farm.

COUNCIL MEETING

Business Transacted Last Night.

THE ALDERMEN WERE BUSY

With Various Matters of Business—Gas Ordinance was Changed

—The Bids were Opened.

The aldermen had a busy meeting last night. There was a large amount of business and very little time was wasted in discussion. Bids for pipes were opened, ordinances in regard to the gas company were passed, monthly reports were heard and many other matters were given attention. The business was as follows:

MEMBER OF LIBRARY BOARD.

Mayor Taylor appointed H. C. Schaub a member of the library board to succeed the late W. T. Wells. The appointment was confirmed by the council.

The heirs of Edmund Packard asked that the city vacate that portion of Boyd street extending from north side of West Decatur street north to alley between Decatur and Macon street. Referred.

Lena and Ida Glover asked permission to hang a sign in front of their store at 729 North Water street. George Wood also asked to put a sign up. Both were referred to the sidewalk and crossing committee with power to act.

Property owners in West Park addition asked that the water mains be extended from West Eldorado street, to Oakland avenue. Referred to water and light committee.

REPORTS.

The public improvement committee recommended that a rebate of \$29.40 be paid J. E. Grove on public improvement assessment. Adopted.

The sidewalk and crossing committee recommended that Stadler & McClelland be allowed to put up a platform at their place of business. Adopted.

The sidewalk and crossing committee recommended that the petition of W. W. Silvers, who asked permission to erect a sign over his candy store at 832 North Water street, be not granted. Adopted.

PAY ROLLS.

The pay rolls for the month for the different departments were as follows: Fire department \$1255.64, Improvement water works for past week \$57.31, water inspector for two weeks \$30.25, water works \$534.33, city officers \$892.89, police department \$1133.34, street superintendent \$57.24.

REPORTS.

The engineer at the water works reported that during the month 132,750,000 gallons of water were elevated and 330 tons of coal used.

The street superintendent reported an expenditure of \$168.85.

The city marshal reported 66 arrests during the month. Fines assessed \$556, collected \$536; fees collected \$40.80; fines on old cases \$104.90; turned over to city treasurer \$681.20.

The water inspector reported that water had been turned on for 19 consumers. One water meter was set making 869 now in use.

The report of the comptroller and treasurer were presented and accepted.

REFERRED TO THE MAYOR.

The water inspector recommended the erection of a building to be used as office, workshop and store room for fire hydrants, valves, hose and necessary tools connected with the water department. Referred to the mayor.

BILLS ALLOWED.

The clerk read a large number of bills which were approved by the council. Among the bills was one for insurance. Mr. Montgomery is the agent for the company with which the city holds insurance and Mr. Gogerty objected, insisting that the statute would not allow an alderman to go into contract with the city. He called on the city attorney to give his opinion in the matter and the attorney said that he would render a written opinion at the next meeting if the council wanted it. Mr. Montgomery said there

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MARCH—1898.

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27	28	29	30	31

WEATHER.

Chicago, March 8.—Illinois: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with rain in the north Wednesday, colder Wednesday afternoon; increasing southerly winds.

Last year in 920 Italian duels but one man was killed. The present year starts out much better as one man was killed a few days ago in an encounter with swords.

Senator Mills of Texas announces he will not be a candidate to succeed himself in the United States senate. This is entirely appropriate as the other mills in the country have started up.

When the people of South Carolina appeal to the federal government to hunt down the assassins of a negro postmaster in that state it may be said that state sovereignty has perished forever.

The present Spanish ministry seems to have come to the conclusion that nothing short of war with the United States will satisfy the Spanish people. On the other hand the American people are willing to grant satisfaction along this line.

Speaker Reed and Representative Boutelle are now trying to explain their course in delaying the senate bill in the house for increasing the artillery army of the service by two regiments. They have discovered it was loaded.

It is significant that on the same day Russia entered into a 99 year lease for the occupancy of Port Arthur the Cramps should receive from a foreign nation a proposition for the establishment of a shipyard and a manufactory for large ordnance.

There may or may not be war with Spain, but one thing is certain that had the United States treated Spain with the vigor that should have been displayed when that nation was imprisoning American citizens two years ago there would be danger of war now. Temporarily with the Spaniards has led them to assume that we are afraid of war.

A few years ago there were many newspapers and would-be statesmen who claimed that the building of warships and coast defenses was a useless extravagance, but all these people seem to have died as nothing is heard from them now. Not one is standing up to be counted. No nation knows when it may stand amidst the peril of war unless it is well prepared to defend itself on sea and on land. If the American navy were twice as large as it is now Spain would not be half as saucy.

In declining to stand again for the senate Roger Q. Mills has this to say of silver:

"Now that the great body of the commercial world has taken its stand against silver, I do not believe it is in the power of the United States alone, by its independent action, to restore the value of silver to par with gold at 16 to 1. I believe that the United States can restore the demand which they withdrew, but I do not believe they can restore the demand which was withdrawn by other countries when they closed their mints against silver. If we can open our mints to the unlimited coinage of silver, when in every market in the world it is worth 80 cents of silver, we will soon have all gold and have all silver. But that is not timeliness. That is monometallism. I have opposed monometallism of either gold or silver."

The course of the new comptroller of the currency, Hon. Charles G. Dawes, in regard to the affairs of the Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia is being very highly commended. The plan offered by the directors, stockholders and a part of the creditors of the bank contemplated turning in all the property of Mr. Sinsbury, including his newspaper, to satisfy the claims against the bank. While this looked well on its face, Mr. Dawes found on examination that it would release the debtors and stockholders from liabilities to the depositors and promptly removed his assent, although he met with severe criticism from financial and newspaper circles of the City of Brotherly Love. He insisted that the rights of depositors must be securely

guarded, and refused any plan which would relieve the stockholders and creditors from liability to them, thus protecting them by whom the losses would have been most severely felt, and showing that the tradition that affairs of national banks are administered in the interests of the wealthy only does not apply, at least under present conditions.

The promises made by the Republicans in the campaign of 1896 are rapidly being redeemed. Not only has a new tariff law been promptly placed upon the statute books and reached a stage in which it is producing sufficient revenue to meet the running expenses of the government, but reports from all parts of the country continue to show increased activity in business and manufactures. Here is a summary from last week's developments from Don's Review. "Strikers at one Fall River cotton mill have resumed work and several more Southern mills have been added. One more iron furnace in Ohio, a new tin-plate plant in Pennsylvania, and a wire-nail establishment in Washington have started, and the Bessemer department at Bethlehem has resumed. Many works are crowding production to the utmost, and the Pennsylvania Steel company reports 4419 men employed at full time and some extra time, against 3742 employed three days per week a year ago. So large a part of the works are now fully employed, though this is usually the dull season, that no great increase is to be expected."



MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 8.

Wheat	Open- ing	High- est	Low- est	Close	Yester- day
March	1.05 1/2	1.05 3/4	1.04 3/4	1.05 1/4	1.04 3/4
July	90 1/2	91 1/4	90 3/4	91 1/4	90 3/4
May	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/4	30 3/4	30 1/4
July	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/4	31 3/4	31 1/4
May	26 1/2	26 3/4	26 1/4	26 3/4	26 1/4
July	27 1/2	27 3/4	27 1/4	27 3/4	27 1/4
May	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 3/4	10 1/4
July	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/4	11 3/4	11 1/4
May	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/4	5 3/4	5 1/4
July	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/4	5 3/4	5 1/4

July wheat: Put, 99 1/2; Call, 91 1/2; Curr, 91.

To-day's Receipts—Car Lots.
Wheat—133; Estimated, 77; a year ago, 32.
Corn—676; Estimated, 710; a year ago, 401.
Oats—340; Estimated, 390; a year ago, 437.

Estimates for To-morrow.
Wheat, 110; Corn, 390; Oats, 265.

Hogs.
Hog receipts, 24,000; Estimated, 26,000.
Market weak.
Light \$3.80 @ \$4.00; Mito \$3.85 @ \$4.00.
Heavy \$3.95 @ \$4.05; Rough, \$3.85 @ \$3.90.
Estimated for to-morrow, 34,000.

Cattle.
Cattle receipts, 3,000. Market steady.

A Narrow Escape.
Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now as well and healthy as a woman. Trial bottles 10c, at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

Miss Lola Bridges and James M. Branch of Champaign will be married Wednesday.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by E. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.
Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

J. M. Kaufman, a prominent Champaign merchant, is preparing to build a modern 12-room residence.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mrs. Rachel Frer has bought a house of Mrs. Anna Jackson in Farmer City for \$800.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Marshall Watson and Officer Campbell raided a gambling room at Farmer City, resulting in \$150 fines from six players.

MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK
coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For every person, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grain. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15c and 25c.

NOTES FOR THE WHEELMEN.

Madagascar is building a cycle path.
Geneva has 9051 cyclists, which is about 10 per cent of its population.

Russian police are urging that cycling clubs be forbidden in their country.

Bourillon and Moira, leading French cyclists, each cleared \$12,000 last season.

Out of a population of 1,000,000 in Constantinople, Turkey, there are but 300 cyclists.

The cycle tax in France amounted to 3,336,205 francs in 1897, an increase from 781,037 francs since 1893.

There are so many '98 American-made wheels in Germany that the price has been reduced to \$25.

Some of the first prizes to be given for bicycle races at Berlin the coming season are \$2000 and \$3000.

The last census proves that Stockholm had a population of 280,000, and, out of these, 11,597 were cyclists, which is one wheelman out of every 23 persons.

In Rome all cyclists must carry, in a prominent place, an enamel sign, with number, name and the town where the owner resides, readable while the rider is in motion.

According to a French cycling paper, Tom Eak offered Bourillon a chance to enter six races in this country worth \$1000 each, but Eak demanded \$400 as his share of the prize, and this was refused.

The rise and formation of cycling clubs in Paris is shown by the following figures: In 1878, one cycling club; 1891, two; 1894, two; 1895, one; 1899, two; 1890, seven; 1891, 12; 1892, 27; 1893, 27; 1894, 48; 1895, 88; 1896, 68; 1897, 11; 1898, 72.

Miller, the winner of the recent six day race in New York, was born in Hildesheim, Germany. He says that telling people of his birthplace continually strengthened his lungs until he became a stayer of the first water.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.
There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

Uncle Sam's Pet.
On Saturday, January 1, the Wabash fast government mail train, No. 1, traveled 101 miles in 69 minutes, assuredly a good beginning of the new year. Watch future performances of this great flyer, the fastest mail train in the world and the pet of Uncle Sam.

Are you ready for the question?
Can a railroad operate its trains at a mile a minute clip unless its roadbed, track and rolling stock are of a high standard. "We maintain a high standard." Speed, safety and comfort are all branded "Wabash."

If you intend to make a trip to any part of the world, including the Klondike, communicate with C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent, Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ill.—28-d&w

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of Blue Mound are in the city for a short stay. Mr. Miller will enter the race for the nomination for county treasurer in the coming election.

—J. S. Newbigin and Supervisor Bean of Blue Mound transacted business in Decatur today.

—Mr. Edgar of Niantic was in the city today.

—Tomorrow night is the regular meeting of the oligarchists' union.

—Miss Nora Ford of Millipolis was in the city today visiting friends.

—Miss Grace Gomez, who has been in the city visiting Miss Mabel Rush, returned today to her home in Springfield.

—Howard Onyette of Ottenheim's clothing store is confined to his home by an attack of rheumatic rheumatism.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

The new Mishawab hall at Champaign was opened March 3 by the Modern Wood men and a K. of P. band concert, supper being served and a ball given.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

John Nash, of Sidney, received a stroke of paralysis February 28, while walking on the Wabash track. He is 60 years old and has lost entirely the use of one side of his body.

It costs some people more to keep up appearances than it does to live.

Quinoria is guaranteed to cure chills, fever and all malarial disorders. No cure, no pay.

Another party of six Klondikers will start from Homer April 1, going via a Canadian road to Edmonton and thence overland to Alaska by stage.

Settles Nervous Bankruptcy.

Investigation shows that men who succeed are men of brains—strong nerves—great will power. Ordinary food cannot supply the vital forces which people with active brains and bodies require. Bicola Pills feed the nerves—make the mind bright, muscles strong—make flesh and blood and give perfect health to Men and Women. The Tensurers of PHILADELPHIA make Bicola Pills.

J. P. Buckley, Chief Clerk National Hotel, Washington, D. C., testifies that he was all run down—was a shadow of his former self—Bicola Pills gave him wonderful relief—he gained over twenty pounds after using them.

DECATUR AGENTS, C. F. SHILLING AND N. L. KRONE.

Excitement at Pekin.
Pekin, March 8.—Russian demands from China have caused the greatest excitement at the Japanese legation. The Japanese minister has had several interviews with officials of the Chinese foreign office, urging the rejection of Russian demands. It is reported that Japan has threatened to take vigorous action if the demands of Russia are conceded.

Sales of Real Estate.
Flora A. Hughes to Joseph Miller, lot 9 in block 11 in the village of Blue Mound; \$785.

Jabe J. Combs to Henry H. Uphaus, lots 14, 15 and 16, in railroad addition to Mason; \$600.

Adam Starbati to August Burtnashewski, lot 4 in block 3 of Peedleford and Burrows addition to Decatur; \$850.

Builds up the system, puts pure, rich blood in the veins; makes men and women strong and healthy—Burdock Blood Bitters. At any drug store.

Happ Brothers of Paxton are just finishing a 20-foot addition to their store, making the building 100 feet long with two plate glass fronts.

Exchange of Houses.
Mrs. Eichinger, who keeps a boarding house on West Wood street and Mrs. Clark, who is located on North Church street will exchange houses. Mrs. Clark taking the house occupied by Mrs. Eichinger and Mrs. Eichinger moving to her old home on North Church street.

Honesty and Virtue.
There is more honesty and virtue contained in a bottle of Salvation Oil, than in any other household known. "Mrs. A. Fiedler, 2304 Palmyra St., Philadelphia, Pa., confirms this truth: She found Salvation Oil to be an excellent remedy for rheumatism, stiff joints, bruises, etc., and thinks it should always be kept in the house." Don't listen to the dealer's arguments in favor of a substitute. Insist on getting Salvation Oil, it costs only 25 cts.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
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—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.—Tickets on sale at the Opera House Drug Store Thursday morning at 5 o'clock sharp.

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

A Sale of Soap.

If you're not been accustomed to buying your Toilet Soaps at The Big Store this will be a good time to get acquainted with our values. If you are a regular soap patron you'll notice that our usual small prices are considerably reduced.

Packard's Tar Soap, always sells at 25c—at cake.....19c
White Rose 4711 Soap—always sells at 25c—at cake.....15c
5000 Large cakes of Pure Castile Soap—with Turkish Wash Bag—at 5c cake.

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DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Toilet Goods—Very Special.

Here's a list of bargains at the Toilet Goods counter. We advise an early visit as some of the lots are small and of course they won't stay with us long at these figures.

Toilet Powders.

LaBlache Face Powder—at 39c box
Pozzoni's Face Powder—handsome gift box—worth 50c—at 39c box

Henry Tetlow's Famous Swandown Face Powder—worth 25c—at 15c box

Henry Tetlow's Gossamer Face Powder—at 20c box

Bailey's Swandown Face Powder—worth 15c—at 7c box

Cashmere Bouquet Toilet Powder—worth 25c—at 10c box

Mennen's Talcum Powder—worth 25c—at 15c box

Ev-i-lo Face Powder—only a few boxes left—worth 25c—at 10c box

Cashmere Bouquet Soap—always sells at 25c—at cake.....22c
Dr. Rauh's Contagious Soap—always sells at 25c—3 cakes.....25c

5000 Large cakes of Pure Castile Soap—with Turkish Wash Bag—at 5c cake.

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DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Toilet Waters.

Colgate's Florida Water—8 oz. bottles—at 49c

Lilac, Heliotrope and Violet Toilet Water—1 1/2 oz. at 25c
3 oz. at 47c
8 oz. at 89c

Brushes.

Tooth Brushes—upward from—3c

Nail Brushes—upward from—10c

Hair Brushes—upward from—20c

Bath Brushes—

Just Half Price.

Whisk Brooms—upward from—5c

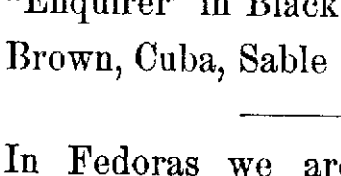
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We are showing the new spring blocks in all dimensions in Stiff Hats. We are agents for the celebrated "Langley" and "Enquirer" in Blacks, Seal Browns, French Brown, Cuba, Sable and Otter.



In Fedoras we are showing the "Longley" and "Enquirer" in Black, Brown, Sable, Otter, Cuba and Pearl. Many of them have the new under brims, the under side of the brim being of a different color from the body of the hat.



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JEALOUSY IS A DISEASE.

Dr. George F. Shady Describes Its Physical Result.

Leads to Insanity—One of the Most Common Emotions Among Mankind and a Very Dangerous One to Indulge In.

(Copyright, 1898)

There has been a revival of interest in the subject of jealousy both in England and in America recently, because of occurrences which call attention to it as a disease. In England, a well-known authority has described a peculiar case coming within his professional experience; while in America a startling homicide, caused by a step-mother's jealousy is too commonly treated with levity by the unthinking. It is in most cases, according to the best medical authorities, either a disease which results in insanity or a manifestation of insanity itself.

In the English case the physician reports that he was called in by a woman who told him that she was extremely jealous of her husband, and that if something were not given to relieve her she feared she would go out of her mind; and then, in the presence of the physician, she quarreled with her husband over her charges of infidelity, until she went into spasms. These spasms were not epileptic, and the physician could only believe that they were the result of hysteria, due to the condition which the patient had described to him. The symptom he diagnosed as that of a mind diseased by brooding over real or imagined wrongs.

Dr. George F. Shady, the editor of the Medical Record, says that jealousy is a very common form of disease, and one in which physicians are often consulted.

"Men and women have some hesitancy in consulting a physician about the manifestations of jealousy," said Dr. Shady, "because of the extreme confidential character of the ailment. Therefore it very seldom comes under the physician's eye directly, as in the English case quoted. But it often produces physical conditions which make the services of a physician necessary, and in this way cases of jealousy come under his observation. It also happens that a case is called to the physician's attention by some one other than the patient. Jealousy is sometimes a manifestation of insanity. Dr. Theodore F. Kellogg, who is one of the highest authorities on the subject, says in his book on insanity: 'Love and jealousy are complex emotions, and the subject of them always presents an area of intense vulnerability. Disappointed love is in woman an occasional cause of a psychosis—'insanity'—but this occurrence in men is very rare and it is then to be attributed to wounded pride rather than to unrequited love. Jealousy is a veritable demon among emotions, and there is probably no keener torment than the fiendish rack of jealousy, to which the sequel is not infrequently suicide, homicide or insanity.'

"I do not agree with Dr. Kellogg's conclusions about men," continued Dr. Shady. "Men are as sensitive as women to the influence of jealousy and disappointed love; but a man cannot 'wear his heart upon his sleeve' because he must come in contact with the world in his effort to earn his bread. However, the seriousness with which Dr. Kellogg treats jealousy is none too great. The fact that the Lancet has taken the subject up shows what gravity it possesses for the medical profession; and whatever of fun is poked at it in the comic papers and in conversation, jealousy is a matter to which too much earnest thought cannot be given."

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Twelve-Year-Old American Boy
with Wonderful Talents.

His Wonderful Ability in Both Music
and Sculpture is Attracting the
Attention of Both Europe
and America.

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'Look, look' here comes Paderewski,"
cried a closely cropped youngster to
the other of a group of boys that were
gathered around George Francis Train
as he sat headed on one of his
favorite seats in Madison Square, New
York.

Everybody looked up and, sure
enough, there was a miniature copy of
the great musician's head sunning
itself in the slight figure of a small boy less
than 12 years old.

"Why do you call him Paderewski?"
asked one of the new boys.

"What do you suppose, silly—look at
his face! But that ain't all. You
ought to hear him play! Makes up his
own tunes, too!"

This was the boy's version of it, but
investigation brought out a number of
other facts quite as interesting. In the
first place, he is as handsome as a
petite and here is his own photograph
to prove that this is the true story of a
rebel. He is such a perfect type of
all that is artistic that New York
artists have begged the privilege of
studying his head, and de Verriere,
who has attained a great deal of fame
in this country and in France, has suc-
ceeded in producing a very good like-

ness of him in clay, which he calls
'The Major,' a name which has clung
to this child from babyhood. His real
name is Alexander St. John Bridge, and
hereby hangs a tale of heredity which
few or even the oldest American fam-
ilies can tell. For the St. John part of
it, which he inherits from his mother,
goes away back to Henry Saint John,
who afterwards became the great Lord
Belmont, of Queen Anne's time, and
who fled to France upon her death and
upon the accession of King George.

The famous peer was a great favorite
both in his own court and in that of
France.

Besides all this mantle of ancestry,
for which the boy can hardly claim any
credit, he is really something of a
genius in several different lines. All
that his youthful admirer of Madison
Square said about him was true. He
not only plays on piano and organ, but
does make his own tunes, and in his
mother's apartments at 'The Gram-
mercy' he has a piano and a large pipe
organ at his disposal.

"Which do you like best?" I asked
him.

"The organ," he said, "because
there is so much more power in it. It
is more like the orchestra, and I love
the orchestra, especially when they
play Wagner's operas."

"What do you go to the opera, do you?"
I asked him.

"Yes, I believe, though Melba is
very nice, but I like Calve the best."

His fondness for Calve is partly due
to the fact that he was presented to her
by a friend who wrote 'Gabiella' for
Madame Calve. Calve had been very
much interested in him before she
knew who he was, as she had fre-
quently noticed him in one of the boxes
at the opera when she sang.

This disposition or improvisations
are of the sad and sympathetic order,
and most of them are very sweet. As
yet he has never received any instruc-
tion, but has been allowed to develop
his talent naturally. At present, he
shows great musical ability for a boy
of his age. If he continues to develop,
he will be heard from some day. For
the rest, he shows quite decided talents
in other directions beside the musical
ones, which ought to be enough for
any boy.

He models in clay with a good
deal of skill, writes poetry, and has a
great taste for literature. He is a
strong favorite with Col. Richard Henry
Steele, who calls him the 'poet's dream
and the artist's inspiration.' Henry
de Mille, the deceased playwright, who

holding the balloon captive; four tube
wagons and accessories, one service
wagon, a gas generating apparatus, a
compressor for impounding gas in
tubes, and 180 steel tubes in which gas
is compressed to one one-hundredth of
its volume.

So far as the weather service and
balloons are concerned, the combina-
tion is growing in importance every
day. Within a year it is hoped to have
a chain of balloon stations extending
from Washington to the Rocky moun-
tains. These will be erected gradually,
but when they are all complete, the
weather department at Washington will
be in better position to tell what the
weather is going to be than it has
ever been before.

At the present time the balloon is
used with signal service operators
in it, but this is not the method that
will ordinarily be utilized in securing
observations. An automatic instrument
has been invented which, when set
after the fashion of an alarm clock, will
take an observation by itself at what-
ever second may be designated. It is
the intention to attach these instru-
ments to balloons and in that way se-
cure observations at great heights, as
great as it is possible for captive bal-
loons to reach with safety.

Insects and the Sense of Sight.
A proof that it is not always the sense
of smell, but oftentimes that of sight,
which directs insects to their flowers
is noted by the distinguished French
entomologist, M. R. Blanchard. A spe-
cies of sphinx moth which entered a
hotel room in the half obscurity of ear-
ly morning was found to flit with direct
intent to definite parts of the wall and
ceiling. These were decorated with
paintings of leaves and flowers, and to
the latter the insect approached in re-
peated attacks, thrusting forward its
proboscis as though intent upon intrud-
ing it into the opened cups of beguiling
flowers. After repeated failures and
the resulting discouragement the effort
was given up, and the moth es-
caped by the window. Another case of
a butterfly which persisted in visiting
the artificial flowers upon a lady's bon-
net adds an instance to recorded facts
of erring instinct among insects.—N. Y.
Tribune.

Sweet Charity.
He—Don't you think Miss Plainly is
the very image of her mother?
She—Yes, indeed; the resemblance is
something awful.—Chicago Daily News.

FOUND AT LAST—a place where a pure
old-fashioned sour mash copper distilled
whisky can be bought direct from the manufac-
turer. It is a good thing, that we
of V. D. Ross, manufacturer of the old Dan-
town Whiskey, made in Macon county, Ill. For
medical purposes, it is a good thing, that we
will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them.
This is a bargain for some one. BACIMAN
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RHEUMATISM CURED.—For the past nine
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walk. After suffering for some time I
was induced by a friend to take Carrol's
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wrote "The Wife," "Lost Paradise,"
"Charity Ball," and other well-known
plays, used a number of this bright
youngster's sayings in his dialogue.
"Major's" mother is a daughter of the
late Chauncey St. John, of New York.

THE WEATHER WATCHERS.
Our Prophets Now Work in the Clouds
in the West.
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One of the most marked evidences of
modern progress is the fact that
weather observations are now taken in
midair. This is accomplished at Fort
Logan, Col., where a detachment of the
signal corps has a balloon of 24,000 cu-
bic feet capacity. By its aid observa-
tions are taken at a greater height than
has ever before been possible.

Just how this is done is shown by the
accompanying illustration, made from
a photograph, which illustrates the
system by which Chief Signal Service
Officer Willis L. Moore hopes some day,
and that before very long, to advance
weather prognostications to such a de-
gree that they will be well-nigh infalli-
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People's Column.

Advertisements of Party words or loan may
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cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.—Customers for the Prairie Street
Wagon Exchange. Whole wheat, salt
rising, yeast bread, pie and cake, fresh every
day. Mrs. Heavis and Mrs. Gales in charge.
Telephone No. 471. March 2-6

WANTED—Washing and ironing at 50 West
King street. Will guarantee satisfaction.
Feb. 28-6

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Apply to
Mrs. Geo. W. Powers, 357 N. Edward st.
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WANTED—You to give us your orders for
clothing and shoes. We are ready to receive
work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction
guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash
ave. Phone 687. HAYES & ANTHONY,
Feb. 28-6

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years'
experience I am prepared to give prompt
attention to all orders from all parts of the
city. Reasonable and all work guaranteed.
New Telephone No. D. M. SMITH, West
Pugh street car line. Feb. 18-12

WANTED—Agents to sell Murat Halstead's
Great Cuba Book. It is about Cuba, Spain
and War, great excitement, everyone buys it,
one agent sold 37 in one day, another made
\$300 in one hour. 60 pages, magnificent illu-
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antee the most liberal terms. Freight paid. 20
days' credit. Cash free. Send two-cent stamps
to pay postage. THE BIBLE HOUSE, 224 Dea-
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AGENTS WANTED—For War in Cuba, by
Senor Quesada, Cuban representative at
Washington. Endorsed by Cuban patriots. In
tremendous demand. A bonanza for agents.
Only \$1.50. Big books. Big commissions. Ev-
erybody wants the only endorsed reliable book.
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us a line, and we will send you a copy. Write
Cuba. Address under THE NATIONAL BOOK
CONCERN, 322-326 Dearborn St., Chicago.
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FOR SALE.—Four room house, pantry and
closets. East Lake Park, newly painted,
will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1750 North
Clinton street, new phone 185-37-1.

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LOW RATES.
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May 26-12

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—A Yorkshire terrier
from 21 West William street, answers to
name of 'Jack' or 'Pat' No. 1. Disappeared
day evening, Feb. 24th. Will pay suitable re-
ward for return above number. 28-6

LOST—Between the 400 block North Water
street and Woman's Club building a
square clasp bracelet, stones resemble dia-
mond but are light glass. Return to 42 N.
Water street. 28-6

MISCELLANEOUS.

TELEPHONE Old No. 200, New No. 400, for
Ported Blooming Plants. Also Cut Flow-
ers, in Roses, Carnations, Hyacinths, Violets,
Lilies, Etc. N. BOMMERSBACH. Dec-7-12

CURRY & POOLE, MILK DEPOT,
Milk Cream, Butter and Eggs. Poultry,
Wholesale and Retail, 451 North Water street,
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PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS.
An associate counsel for Louis Baggett &
Sons, experienced Patent Attorneys, Wash-
ington, D. C. All legal business promptly and
carefully attended to. LOANE & PARK,
125 E. Fifth street. NEW PHONE 472. Sept-7-12

SEWING MACHINES.—If you are wanting a new, three
or four inch tubular wall, or your old wall
machine deeper. We have all kinds and sizes,
and two kinds of three foot, 725 N. Water
or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov-2-12

STAMPING TICKETS.—To all parts of Eu-
rope, either first or second class, or steam
tickets, at the very low prices. PETER
H. BRIDGES, a real White Star Line and Ham-
burg-American Line, 217 N. Main Feb 1-12

IF you need a set of De Vinne Price Markers
or a set of De Vinne Price Markers, or a set
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Price Markers, or a set of De Vinne Price Markers,
order of J. M. Myers, proprietor of the
Decatur Rubber Stamp Works, 301 S. Church
street, Decatur, Ill., Decatur. mar 1-12

THE Blue Grass Garage and. Your vehicle
insured and stored at my risk free of cost,
if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring
use. Owners of good cars, and want one
to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner
of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan-6-12

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder, Office
Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Build-
ing, North Main street.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a
lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs,
cups, etc., etc., in good condition, that we
will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them.
This is a bargain for some one. BACIMAN
BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-12

Legal Advs.

Master in Chancery's Sale.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. In the Circuit
Court,
MACON COUNTY.

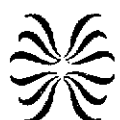
George V. Loring, Complainant, vs. Emily J.
Smith, et al., Defendants, in Chancery. No. 1898.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursu-
ance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon
county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the
above entitled cause at the January term, A. D.
1897, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of
Macon county, will on

Tuesday, March 16, 1898,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door
of the court house on East Wood street, in the
City of Decatur, in Macon county, offer for sale
at public vendue to the highest and best bidder
cash in hand, subject to redemption according
to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be
sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots four
(4) and five (5) in the subdivision of the real estate
of thirteen (13) in the southeast quarter of the
northeast quarter of section ten (10) in township
four (4) north, range two (2) east of the
principal meridian, as recorded in Book 13 of
Page 1st of the Plat Records of Macon county,
Illinois, and more fully described as follows:
Beginning 22 feet west and 150 feet south of the
northeast corner of the southeast quarter of
section 10, then north, 32 feet, to the
32 p. m., thence running west 177 feet, to the
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Made in Fine, Medium and Coarse Points.



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Set the Fashion—they do not follow.
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low its wearer to grow despondent and wish he could exist without feet. Hanan Shoes fit and are kind to the feet in every sense. In appearance they are perfection itself. We can show you all the New Spring Styles in—

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See Prices.

- 1 case Summer Corsets...25c
- 1 " DRAB Summer...49c
- 1 " White "....50c
- 1 " Short "....\$1.00

THERE'S a difference between CORSETS made exactly right and CORSETS made just to sell. Wear will soon betray this secret. ANTHONY sells all the popular makes and makes popular prices.

SEE—Thompson's Glove Fitting, Dr. Warner's, P. D., R. & G., American Lady, Etc., Etc.

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FOR ROUGH SKIN.

Some people like olive oil; it's too greasy for many, though. Some people prefer glycerine, but that is too sticky for others. But more people are learning about Benzol Cream every day—more people are using it. It isn't sticky or greasy, and it softens and heals. 25 cents.

ARMSTRONG BROS.,
No. 262 N. Main Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Grindol & Son are now erecting a very handsome monument to the memory of the late Isaac Shellabarger.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Keddick & Koenig. —15-dtf

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 29-dtf

"A Girl from Paris" will be at the Grand on the night of March 12.

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Dunlap & Co's Spring Styles for 1898 now on sale at Mohon, McReynolds & Co. Feb 25-dtf

It works easily and quickly. Needs no cooking, will not stick to the iron. Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Packages—18-dimo

Mrs. Logan, who lives with her husband, three miles east of the city, is quite ill and her many friends are concerned about her recovery.

Bromoline will cure a cold while you sleep. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadsters, spring wagons, farm wagons.—mi-dkwtf

Mrs. Clayborn Jones, living near Horvey was stricken with paralysis last week and is lying in a semi unconscious condition.

"I suffered for months with sore throat. Eclectic Oil cured me in twenty-four hours." M. S. Gist, Hawesville, Ky. Sold by all druggists.

The revival services at Long Creek M. E. church have been of such interest that they will be continued yet a few nights. There have been quite a number converted and joined the church.

Bromoline will positively cure a cold in 24 hours. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 623, new phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

"Superba" by the Haalons, presented at the Grand last night is better than over. There are lots of new tricks in stage mechanism and the scenery is brilliant and beautiful throughout. There was a large audience present to enjoy the performance.

Senorets cure chronic constipation, kidney and liver complaint. Price, 25c.

It may not be generally known that a new postal law went into effect the first of March to the effect that mail matter addressed to the "leading dry goods merchant," or "the leading physician" will not be delivered by the postmaster. Neither will mail matter addressed to "John Smith (if not there, any good lawyer)" be delivered to any one but John Smith.

Quinoria positively cures chills and fever when other remedies fail. No cure, no pay.

Try Wilber's Home Made Genuine Vienna Bread. Hot Tea Rolls every evening. Wilber's Home Bakery, 211 North Main street. New telephone 493.—5-dtf

The banana peel is said to be an excellent substitute for ice—on the sidewalk.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

Self dies, but never surrenders.

Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

The Last Call.

The tax collector's office must close March 10. If you have not paid your personal taxes you should call at once and pay them. Office second floor court house. Open evenings. 2-dtd

It's IN THE FLYING—Alpha

THE ONLY VENTILATING DRESS SHIELD

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BAPTIST BANQUET

Young People Will Gather at the Church To-Night.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Society is Now in Its Teens—Organized in 1887 With 37 Members—

Election of Officers for the Year.

The Y. P. S. C. E. society of the First Baptist church will celebrate the 11th anniversary of the founding of the society in the Baptist church this evening. A banquet will be given at the church with covers laid for 100. There will be toasts and a musical program. The Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Baptist church was organized on March 7, 1887, with 35 active and 7 associate members. The society was the outgrowth or continuation of the Young People's Prayer meeting society, a band of 10 or 12 young people of the church who met every Wednesday night in the primary class room.

Rev. George B. Vosburgh was the pastor of the church at this time and it was under his guidance that much good was accomplished and the success of the Y. P. S. C. E. made possible.

It was through the effort of Mrs. Jessie Stevens Page, now of Peoria, that the movement was a final success. She was elected president for the first six months. Her work was rewarded by increased interest in the society, more members, extended lines of work, etc. The attendance grew until the primary room would no longer hold the large number that attended the meetings. From an attendance of 10 or 12 it grew to 75 to 100 in one year.

The lines of work planned and carried out were much the same as now, the committees and their work being the same. The pledge was not so strong as now and was the cause of a reorganization in 1889 with the adoption of the present pledge.

The society has always been an energetic co-worker with the county union and the members of the society have been prominent in both the old city union and the present county union. I. N. Martin, Jr., was president of the city union for one year and, Carroll McIntyre served as president of the county union for two years and other members have been connected with the active work of the county union as chairman of committees, etc.

The society has been greatly interested in the missionary work and in this work is the banner society of central Illinois. One hundred and eighty-one dollars were given to the missionary work last year, which went to support a native bible reader in China.

J. L. Deck has been president of the society for the past 18 months and excellent work has been done under his guardianship. The work is now in a flourishing condition.

PROGRAM.

The program will be carried out as follows:

Toastmaster—Rev. S. H. Bowyer.

TOASTS.

Our Society President—Maud Stoy.
Our Young Ladies—J. L. Deck.
Our Young Men—Anna Mead.
The Future of Our Society—Orville Coughlin.

A view of the Past—Mary Wood.

MENU.

Rolls and Butter.
Pickles. Salad. Celery.

Ice Cream. Coffee. Cake.

The society met last night and elected the following officers:

The Senior Christian Endeavor society of the First Baptist church met last night and elected the following officers:

President—Guy Righter.

Vice President—Miss Maud Stoy.

Secretary—Miss Harriet Wood.

Treasurer—C. C. Curtis.

The chairman of committees follow:

Lookout—Wilbur Funk.

Prayer Meeting—Bettie Layton.

Social—Ethel M. Dimock.

Calling—Bonnie Huttopflier.

Musical—Mollie Drobisch.

Floral—Leona Parks.

Relief—Anna Michael.

Welcoming—Orville Coughlin.

Missionary—Mrs. Harry Barber.

Temperance—Arlis Montague.

Good Literature—Mrs. William Funk.

Sunday School—Fannie Lyons.

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PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Olive Brown have accepted positions with Gushard.

—Miss Mary Plummer has gone to Chicago for a visit with relatives.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullard of East Condit street, March 3, a daughter.

—Mrs. Arthur Gillespie is entertaining Miss Mamie Cowan of Pana.

—Miss Maude Wilt of Warrensburg is the guest of Decatur friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wedekin of Niantone in the city today.

—Dr. W. P. Davidson of La Place is in the city today.

—Peter Folzath of Cerro Gordo is the guest of his son, D. B. Folzath.

—Henry Matthews was called to Indianapolis this morning by the serious illness of his brother Albert, Matthews.

—Miss Little Davis of 1519 East Prairie street is confined to her home with a severe attack of erysipelas of the face.

—Will Ennis will leave tonight for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will stay for a few weeks.

—R. J. Young, real estate, loan and insurance broker at Clinton, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ahrens are entertaining their sister-in-law, Mrs. John P. Ahrens of Chicago.

—Miss Lydia Feiler of Orona is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Gies of West Macon street.

—Miss Julia Shewmaker and Mrs. Joseph Grass spent Sunday with friends in Marion.

—Mr. and Mrs. Baby Brums are spending a few days with friends and relatives in Moweaqua.

—Mrs. V. T. Hays of Forsythe is the guest of Mrs. Robert Welch of North Church street.

—Miss Mae Wingfield, who has been in the city visiting, Mrs. Arthur Hartley, returned today to her home in Champaign.

—Mrs. Prof. Owens of Monroe street was called to Moweaqua yesterday by the serious illness of her grand mother, Mrs. Duncan.

—Miss Sadie Williamson, who has been in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Stewart, left today for her home in Towaunda, Ill.

—Mrs. S. S. Jack has returned from a short stay at Pittsburg, Penn., where she was called a short time ago by the death of a niece.

—Allan Bevans, who has been traveling through Illinois, is expected home Saturday. He will remain here a few days and will then go to St. Louis.

—Captain George P. Zeiss has arrived from Waller, Texas, having disposed of his banking business at that city. He will make Decatur his home in future.

—Rev. J. A. F. Kling left this afternoon for Marquette, Mich., having been called there on account of the serious illness of his mother.

—Dr. Silas E. McClelland this morning received a letter from Champaign saying that his brother, Dr. Clarence McClelland had taken a change for the worse last night.

—Mrs. F. N. Atkin will leave Wednesday for Leavenworth, Kan., where she will join her husband, Rev. Atkin, late of this city, who went to Leavenworth to take charge of an Episcopal church.

—Mrs. R. G. Hobbs of Jacksonville, who has been in the city for several days past visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Race, left today for Bloomington, where tonight and tomorrow night Rev. Hobbs will deliver lectures on India.

DEATH RECORD.

DOYLE.

Mrs. Bridget Doyle died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Luke McDonald, in St. Louis. The body was brought to Decatur last night for burial. Mrs. Doyle formerly lived near Cerro Gordo and was well known. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church and had many friends in Decatur. She was 80 years old and was born in County Wexford, Ireland but had lived in Macon county for many years past. She went to St. Louis a few months ago to visit her daughter when her health failed. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. John Murphy of Decatur, Mrs. Mary Lapham of Massachusetts, James Doyle of Chicago and Harry Doyle and Mrs. Luke McDonald of St. Louis. The remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of Wikoff and Reave.

The funeral will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The services will be conducted by Rev. Father Brady and the burial will be at Calvary cemetery.

DILLON.

The three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dillon died Saturday night at their home 1675 North Railroad avenue. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Regular meeting of Ladies' Assembly, No. 1, U. R. K. of P. will meet with Mrs. M. C. Butzbach, 2033 West Main. Wednesday, March 8, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. A. Seeforth, President.

The book "How to Get Rid of the Devil" is on sale at the Sexton book store.

DAMAGES WANTED

Suit Brought by J. E. Osborne, Administrator.

AGAINST WABASH RAILROAD

For the Death of Reed—Case of Phoenix Insurance Co. Decided in Favor of the Defendant—

Other Court News.

In the circuit court today the case of James E. Osborne administrator vs. The Wabash Railroad company came up for trial. Mr. Osborne is administrator of the estate of Reed, the man who was thrown from a train and killed near Boody and as such is suing the railroad for damages. Attorneys Hugh C. and I. A. Buckingham appeared for the railroad and Attorneys David Hutchinson and C. C. Lefergore for the plaintiff. The case started this forenoon and the following juryman were secured to hear the case: R. E. Wiggins, James Cook, Daniel McDonald, W. H. Bond, J. T. Wells, C. F. Wells, Z. T. Blaine, D. M. Good, John C. Burley, H. E. Dickey, James Armstrong, C. E. Attberry.

The case of the Phoenix Insurance company vs. Lucas Zepp went to the jury this morning. The case was one offered from Justice Hardy's court. The insurance company sued for \$32 claimed to be due on a note. Mr. Zepp claimed that he could not read English and that he thought the note was for \$18, when he signed it, and as a fraud was used by him to get money. Attorney A. F. Smith appeared for the defense and Attorney W. B. Tyler, Lefergore & Lee and David Hutchinson for the plaintiff. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant and gave judgment against the plaintiff for costs.

The entries on the court docket today were as follows:

COMMON LAW CASES.

James E. Osborne, administrator vs. The Wabash Railroad Company; two cases. Trial by jury.

L. N. Cone vs. John T. Finley et al, appellants; appeal. Judgment as per stipulation on file for \$50 and costs and execution after 30 days.

Charles Shaffer vs. George Milburn et al, appellants; appeal. Continued to agreement.

Stephen D. Fitzhugh vs. William C. Alby; case. Continued by agreement.

Charles C. Randolph vs. C. H. Bywood; asumpst. Nolle as to common counts.

The Phoenix Insurance Company, appellants, vs. Lucas Zepp; appeal. Jury retired to consider a verdict. Verdict of jury for defendant. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

John W. Sumners vs. G. W. Pratt, et al, appellants; appeal. Motion to vacate and set aside.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors the week reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.:

John Q. Adams, Marehills, inventor of rack; Charles O. Bruno, Rockford, inventor of machine; Budd, Frankfort, Ill., method of and apparatus for regulating electric motors; Ludwig, business Peoria, current collecting device; Karl Hurlman, Rankin, grain conveyor; E. K. Meredith, Batavia, apparatus for filtering and separating oil from water; Alan L. Bace, Forrest, coach or lounge; Albert L. Platt, Clinton, adding machine; Edward F. Shellabarger, Rockford, wire fence machine attachment; William E. Stoddard, Elmhurst, Ill., for copy of the above patents send 10 cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Republican Township Convention.

The Republicans of Friends Creek township will meet in convention Saturday, March 19, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the township offices. E. H. Thomas, chairman; F. R. Quarry, Secretary.—2-dtf

A Shooting Match.

There is to be a big shooting match Wednesday at Sangamon station. A number of the sportsmen from this city will attend.

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THE MONTGOMERY AT HAVANA

Commander Brownson on His Way to Europe for More Battleships
—All Quiet at Havana
City—Spain is Silent.

Washington, March 9.—The senate committee on appropriations agreed to the house bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defense. It will be reported when the senate meets and an effort will be made to pass it without debate.

Long before the senate convened the galleries filled with spectators, gathered in anticipation of debate on the \$50,000,000 emergency appropriation bill, and the crowds surged through the corridors anxious to secure admission on the floor. The attendance was unusually large when the vice-president's gavel fell, calling the body to order. Nearly all the members of the appropriations committee, including Chairman Allison of Iowa, and the foreign relations committee, including Chairman Davis of Minnesota, were in their seats.

Senator Hale reported the house bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defense and asked its immediate consideration. The bill passed without debate. The yeas and nays were taken on the passage of the bill, but there was not a dissenting vote. All pairs were broken and those present voted in the affirmative. Seventy-six senators voted for the bill. No nays.

A slight ripple of applause followed the announcement of the vice president by spectators, but the senate remained calm and dignified, repressing enthusiasm which was evident in the face and gesture of the great majority.

Chandler of New Hampshire presented a resolution authorizing the committee on naval affairs investigating the wrecked battleship Maine, to send for persons and papers and make an investigation by a full or sub-committee. Referred to the committee contingent on expenses. The senate then went into executive session and then adjourned. In the meantime the emergency appropriation bill had been printed on parchment in the government printing office. As soon as it was passed by the senate it was sent by a mounted messenger to the capital where it was compared with the bill as passed and taken to the house. At 1:40 p. m. the speaker took the chair and announced that he had affixed his signature to the bill. The senate, however, had adjourned, preventing the securing of the signature of the vice president today, so it will not go to the president until tomorrow.

The defense bill was signed by the President this afternoon.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Senator Priehard, chairman of the committee on civil service, today presented the report of that committee on the recent investigation of the classified service embodying the conclusions of the committee. These were divided under two heads: First—That the executive has power to make such modifications as may be found advisable, and therefore no legislation is needed. Secondly, the committee agreed that the classification has been too extensive and that certain places that have been classified should be excluded from classification, so the appointments